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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject Requirement for Intelligence Information on Soviet Activities in Biological Warfare Research, Development, and Production

- Reference: a. SecDef Memo of 16 August 1952 to Director, Central Intelligence Agency, TS-0234.
b. DCI Memo of 24 September 1952 to SecDef, TS 801643.
c. DCI Memo of 25 October 1952 to SecDef, TS 80202A.

With reference to the exchange of correspondence mentioned above, I feel that it is desirable to restate our critical need for biological warfare intelligence information. In particular it would be most helpful if you could have prepared for us a review of the progress made on biological warfare intelligence as a result of the action which was taken by General Smith as discussed in his letter of 25 October 1952. Such a review will be most helpful to this office in the planning of BW research and development programs.

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